each of said speech signals output from said plurality of voice pickup means and selects said speech signal whose average S/N value and average voice power are greater than respective predetermined threshold values as said speech signal suitable for speech recognition.

8. (Amended) The speech recognition system according to claim 7, wherein that of said speech signals output from said plurality of voice pickup sections whose speech level is equal to or higher than a predetermined speech level and continues over a predetermined period of time is selected as said speech signal suitable for speech recognition.

9. (Amended) The speech recognition system according to claim 7, wherein said determination section acquires an average S/N value and average voice power of each of said speech signals output from said plurality of voice pickup sections and selects said speech signal whose average S/N value and average voice power are greater than respective predetermined threshold values as said speech signal suitable for speech recognition.

14. (Amended) The speech recognition method according to claim 13, wherein that of said speech signals output from said plurality of voice pickup means whose speech level is equal to or higher than a predetermined speech level and continues over a predetermined period of time is selected as said speech signal suitable for speech recognition.

15. (Amended) The speech recognition method according to claim 13, wherein said determination step includes a step of acquiring an average S/N value and average voice power of each of said speech signals output from said plurality of voice pickup

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